Funds allocated for temples in Gujarat

1751. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Minister of Culture had agreed to allocate Rs. ten crores as first instalment for Ahimsa University Project in Gujarat from the funds earmarked for Bhagwan Mahavira 2600th Janma Kalyanak Committee;

(b) if so, the follow up action taken by Government;

(c) whether Jain temples affected or demolished by earthquake in Gujarat have been considered for allocation of grants;

(d) if so, the details of number of such Jain temples and the amount sanctioned to each one of them; and

(e) the details of other project which have been given grants, with Project-wise and State-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Grant-in-aid has been sanctioned for the following projects:—

1. CPWD for developmental works at (i) Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali in Delhi (ii) Pawapuri and Vaishali in Bihar (iii) Dudhai, Siron and Bateshwar in UP (iv) Urvaha, Bawangaja, Gandharvpuri and Shreyensgiri in MP (v) Kumbhariya, Bhiloda and Umata in Gujarat (vi) Achalgarh, Viratnagar, Zawar Mines and Amer in Rajasthan.
2. Archaeological Survey of India for conservation of Centrally protected Jain Monuments at 45 sites in Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bihar, Vadodara, Bhopal, Jaipur, Chennai,

Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Dharwad, Thrissur and Lucknow Circles.

3. Orissa State Governments for conservation of Jain Monuments at Champeswar, Adasapur, Chaudwar, Pratapnagri in Cuttack and Lataharana and Sri Ramchandrapur in Puri.

4. Rashtriya Swabhiman for development of two earthquake revaged villages in Bhuj District of Gujarat.

5. Animal Welfare Board of India for animals and bird care, with special emphasis on Gaushalas.

Security of Taj Mahal

1752. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an E-mail threatening to destroy the Taj was received;

(b) whether Taj trapezium is vulnerable to terrorist attack from North-side when river flows; and

(c) if so, the action taken to tighten security from that side in view of E-mail threat received to destroy the Taj?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Uttar Pradesh Government have confirmed receiving such a message.

(b) and (c) As informed by the Uttar Pradesh Government, a contingency plan to strengthen the security of the Taj Mahal has been implemented?